

Burn Area Recovery Task Force (BARTF) Report Los Angeles County Magic Fire

Executive Summary

The Magic Fire burned 2,824 acres of undeveloped land near the city of Santa Clarita in Los Angeles County. No structures or lives are at risk from post-fire hazards.

<u>Purpose</u>

This BARTF report presents a brief description and assessment of the Magic Fire. The Magic Fire is one of the numerous Southern California wildfires included in the Presidential Disaster Declaration DR-1731-CA. This report is intended to facilitate the effective use of available resources to address threats that may arise during the 2007-2008, winter rainy season to public safety, infrastructure, or public and private property. These potential threats are due to erosion of burned and denuded slopes, and the affiliated potential for flooding and debris flows.

The information was gathered for this report by state and federal Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) reports, Post-Fire Hazard Awareness Maps, and meetings with various local, state and federal officials.

Introduction

The Magic Fire occurred in an undeveloped area of land near Magic Mountain theme park in Valencia, CA. The fire burned a total of 2,824 acres. No structures were destroyed; no lives were lost. Along the southeastern boundary of the burned area lies the Stevenson Ranch subdivision; the BAER Team report indicates that there is no visible risk from post-fire geologic hazards to Stevenson Ranch due to the grade design of the subdivision. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works concurs with the findings in the BAER report. Although no projects were identified in the report, any projects that could be proposed would need to be compliant with all applicable permitting processes (see Appendix A).

The BAER Report for the Magic Fire is included in the BAER Small Fires Report. It can be viewed or downloaded from the California Office of Emergency Services web site: www.oes.ca.gov

Background

No watersheds identified for the Magic Fire.

Potential Emergency Protective Measures

Since the fire was contained within an undeveloped vegetative area, there is no immediate threat to lives, property or infrastructure from flooding or debris flow. No erosion control or other protective measures were suggested.

Potential Funding Sources

No potential protective measures were identified; therefore, no funding sources are identified.

Table 1 – Possible Funding Sources

Yes	No	Funding Sources
	X	California Disaster Assistance Act
	X	FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program
	X	Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
	X	Federal Highway Works Administration (FHWA)
	X	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
	X	Department of Interior (DOI)
	X	Insurance
	X	Other funding:

Appendices

Appendix A - Environmental Permitting Requirements

Appendix B - Archaeological

Appendix C - Descriptions of State and Federal Program Funding

Appendix E - Preliminary Suggested Projects